

19. (New) A self-checkout system, comprising:

a pillar;

a user interface extending from said pillar, said user interface including (i) a user input device operative to receive input from a user during operation of the self-checkout system, and (ii) a display device operative to display retail information to the user during operation of the self-checkout system;

a scanner positioned vertically below said user interface;

a bag retainer positioned vertically below said scanner and defining a bag space;

a bag retained by said bag retainer and positioned in said bag space;

a scale assembly positioned vertically below said bag retainer, said scale assembly including (i) a shelf extending from said pillar, and (ii) an item support surface positioned vertically above said shelf, wherein a basket space is defined vertically below said shelf, and wherein said scale assembly is operative to determine weight of items located in said bag; and

a basket positioned in said basket space, said basket being configured to receive retail items therein,

wherein said user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, said bag, said scale assembly, and said basket are positioned in relation to each other such that, when said self-checkout system is viewed in a front elevational view, a vertical line intersects said user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, said bag, said scale assembly, and said basket.

20. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 19, further comprising a mode indicator operative to display use status of the self-checkout system, wherein said mode indicator, user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, said bag, said scale assembly, and said basket are positioned in relation to each other such that, when said self-checkout system is viewed in a front elevational view, a vertical line intersects said mode indicator, said user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, said bag, said scale assembly, and said basket.

21. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 20, further comprising a security camera operative to generate an image of the user, wherein said security camera, said mode indicator, user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, said bag, said scale assembly, and said basket are positioned in relation to each other such that, when said self-checkout system is viewed in a front elevational view, a vertical line intersects said security camera, said mode indicator, said user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, said bag, said scale assembly, and said basket.

22. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 19, wherein said bag space is sized to receive a plurality of baskets therein.

23. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 19, wherein said user input device includes a touch screen input device.

24. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 19, wherein said scanner is attached to said user interface.

25. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 19, wherein said bag retainer is supported on said scale assembly.

26. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 19, wherein:
said user interface is positioned at a first vertical height of approximately four feet, and
said scale assembly is positioned at a second vertical height of approximately two feet.

27. (New) A self-checkout system, comprising:

a vertical support member;

a user interface attached to said vertical support member, said user interface including (i) a user input device operative to receive input from a user during operation of the self-checkout system, and (ii) a display device operative to display retail information to the user during operation of the self-checkout system;

a scanner positioned vertically below said user interface;

a bag retainer positioned vertically below said scanner and defining a bag space;

a scale assembly attached to said vertical support member and positioned vertically below said bag retainer, said scale assembly including an item support surface,

wherein said user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, and said scale assembly are positioned in relation to each other such that, when said self-checkout system is viewed in a front elevational view, a vertical line intersects said user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, and said scale assembly.

28. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 27, further comprising a bag retained by said bag retainer and positioned in said bag space.

29. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 27, further comprising a basket positioned in said basket space and configured to receive retail items therein.

30. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 27, further comprising a mode indicator operative to display use status of the self-checkout system, wherein said mode indicator, user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, and said scale assembly are positioned in relation to each other such that, when said self-checkout system is viewed in a front elevational view, a vertical line intersects said mode indicator, said user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, and said scale assembly.

31. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 30, further comprising a security camera operative to generate an image of the user, wherein said security camera, said mode indicator, user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, and said scale assembly are positioned in relation to each other such that, when said self-checkout system is viewed in a front elevational view, a vertical line intersects said security camera, said mode indicator, said user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, and said scale assembly.

32. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 27, further comprising a basket positioned in a basket space located vertically below said shelf and configured to receive retail items therein, wherein user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, said scale assembly, and said basket are positioned in relation to each other such that, when said self-checkout system is viewed in a front elevational view, a vertical line intersects said user interface, said scanner, said bag retainer, said scale assembly, and said basket.

33. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 27, wherein said user input device includes a touch screen input device.

34. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 27, wherein said scanner is at least partially supported by said user interface.

35. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 27, wherein said bag retainer is supported on said scale assembly.

36. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 27, wherein:
said user interface is positioned at a first vertical height of approximately four feet, and

said scale assembly is positioned at a second vertical height of approximately two feet.

37. (New) A self-checkout system, comprising:

a vertical support member;

a user interface extending from said vertical support member, said user interface including (i) a user input device operative to receive input from a user during operation of the self-checkout system, and (ii) a display device operative to display retail information to the user during operation of the self-checkout system;

a scale assembly extending from said vertical support member and positioned vertically below said scanner, wherein said scale assembly includes an item support surface, and wherein a basket space is defined vertically below said scale assembly; and

a scanner interposed between said user interface and said scale assembly;

a basket positioned in said basket space and configured to receive retail items therein,

wherein said user interface, said scanner, said scale assembly, and said basket are positioned in relation to each other such that, when said self-checkout system is viewed in a front elevational view, a vertical line intersects said user interface, said scanner, said scale assembly, and said basket.

38. (New) The self-checkout system of claim 37, wherein:

said user interface is positioned at a first vertical height of approximately four feet, and

said scale assembly is positioned at a second vertical height of approximately two feet.